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HEC BRIEFING

- Britain recently took initiative in moves designed advance interim 1. Cyprus solution.
 - Moves followed truce declarations by EGEA and Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT) on 4 and 5 Aug. Over 100 killed, over 200 injured in communal violence in June-July.
 - Macmillan visited Athens, Ankara and Micosia, 7-11 Aug, in B. attempt sell British seven-year interim plan for Cyprus, announced in Commons 19 June.
 - On 15 Aug, announced modifications to original plan signed meet c. some Greek objections without causing Turks to withdraw their previous general acceptance of plan.
 - Also reaffirmed intention to allow Makaries to return Cyprus
 - Britain has announced no further modifications of plan will be Has requested Athens and Ankara appoint representatives to confer with Cyprus Governor by 1 Oct to implement plan. Has announced that electoral rolls will be prepared and envirages elections in a few months.
 - Makarios and Greece have rejected modified British plan. II.
 - Athens continues object all aspects plan facilitating "organic partition" of Cyprus. Has refused appoint representative.
 - Makarios doubts sincerity of British. Feels they committed to В. eventual partition.
 - Initial reaction Greek Cypriot leaders on island less firmly opposed than Makarios but they will follow Archbishop's lead. Will not cooperate in implementing plan.

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- III. Turkish reaction to modification not yet officially presented.

 Initial reaction of Turk leaders was generally favorable. Anhara may officially reject for the record but is not expected to oppose implementation of plan actively. Turk Cypriots will follow Ankara's lead.
- IV. Situation on Cyprus remains tense.

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 - B. EOKA may have been hurt by secent security drive. Is not expected launch all-aut attack at this time. Will probably continue isolated retaliatory attacks on British forces whenever Greek Cypriots killed in security operations.
 - 1. EGKA continues "executing" Greek Cypriot "traitors."

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